(c) the steps taken to improve the bilateral economic cooperation including trade ties with Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Separate Indo-Nepal Treaties of Trade and Transit have been signed on December 6, 1991.

(c) Besides the conclusion of the Trade and Transit Treaties and the agreement for cooperation in controlling unauthorised trade, several steps have been taken to streamline and liberalise the access regime for Nepalese exports to India, especially in the duty free/quota free category. A specially favourable access regime has also been established for the exports of approved Indo-Nepal joint ventures. All this should help improve Indo-Nepal trade ties substantially in the future.

[*Translation*]

Gas based Industries in Uttar Pradesh

3594. SHRI REJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas-based industries in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the government of Uttar Pradesh for setting up more such industries in that State;

(c) if so, the action taken by the government in this regard; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Four

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Further allocations would depend on the availability of gas along the HBJ pipeline, which at present is already over committed.

[*English*]

Fertilizers to Cashew Growers at Subsidized Rates

3595. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give fertilizers to Cashew growers at subsidized rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the plans drawn up by the government for increasing Cashew cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Under the Central Sector Integrated Programme for Development of Cashew, a subsidy of Rs. 3000/- per has. is provided which is estimated to be the cost of fertilizers required for one hectare cultivation. The subsidy is disbursed in five annual instalments.

(c) The plans for increasing production and productivity of cashew cultivation include the following-

(i) Area Expansion with clonal planing material.

(ii) Adoption of plant protection measures.

(iii) Establishment and maintenance of Centres for the production of clonal planting material.

(iv) Pilot project for popularising clonal cashew cultivation among farmers.

[*Translation*]

Constitution of Rajbhasha Implementation Committee in Coal Fields

3596. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted Rajbhasha Implementation Committees in his Ministry at regional and zonal levels;

(b) if so, the details of the work done by these Committees during these current years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Rajbhasha Implementation Committee is working at the level of Coal India Limited (HQ) and also in all its Regional Offices having strength of more than 25 employees. In the subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited also, similar Committees have been constituted at head quarters, Regional and Zonal levels.

(b) The details of work done by these Committees are given below:-

(i) The meetings of these Committees are being held regularly.

(ii) More correspondence being made in Hindi.

(iii) A book "Koyla Ke Gaveshana" written by officers of Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited was awarded the second prize under Indira Gandhi Rajbhasha Purashkar Scheme sponsored by the Department of Official Language.

(iv) Hindi workshops were organised in Bharat Coking Coal Limited, Central Coalfields Limited and Northern Coalfields Limited.

(v) "Khanan Bharti" is being published by Coal India Limited and "Koyla Bharati" by Bharat Coking Coal Limited.

(vi) More books in Hindi are being purchased by the Libraries.

(vii) Hindi Day, Hindi Week, etc. were observed in the coal companies.

(viii) Nagpur Nagar Rajbhasha Implementation Committee awarded Rajbhasha trophy, 1990 to Western Coalfields Limited.

(ix) Coal India Limited in their capacity as the Chairman of Calcutta Nagar Rajbhasha Implementation Committee organised meeting and celebrations in Calcutta.

Compensation to Land Ousters of Barsinghpur Thermal Plant

3597. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: SHRI SHIV CHARAN MATHUR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: